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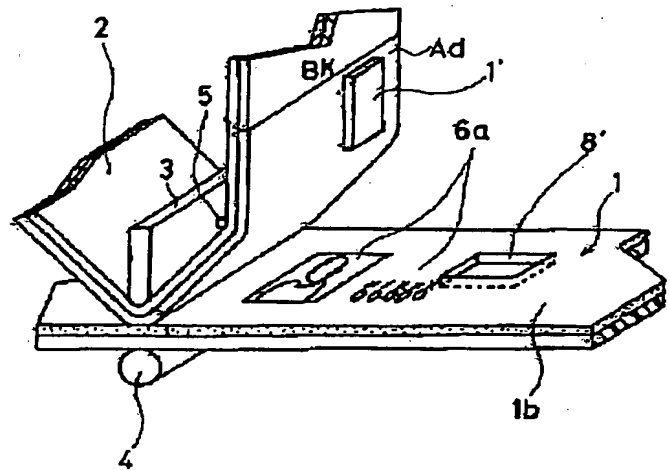
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**ABSTRACT :** **PURPOSE:** To ensure that the shape of a non-formation area of a transfer layer can be easily changed by shifting the transfer layer from an area which comes into contact with the non-transfer area of the transfer layer for an object obtained by processing an indirect transfer film, to the adhesive layer area of an ink ribbon.

**CONSTITUTION:** An indirect transfer film 1 is returned to a transfer start position in such a manner that it is matched to the shape of a plastic card and the transfer position of a color image 6a. Further, the color image 6a is drawn using a thermal head 3 based on the descriptive data of each ink. After the description of the color image 6a, the indirect transfer film 1 is again returned to a position where a thermal transfer is started, and at the same time, the adhesive layer Ad of an ink ribbon 2 is positioned below the thermal head 3. Following the drawing of the color image 6a, the transfer layer 1b of the indirect transfer film 1 is adhered to the adhesive layer Ad of the ink ribbon 2 by causing the thermal head 3 to heat based on the data of a non-transfer area 8'.

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